

390 Washington St.
At 3/11/912

Dear Miss Suther-

I am very sorry
to send you news that will pain
you. - Before Mary went to spend
a day at a time with her
sisters I could manage her - we'd
sing hymns to - gether - but since
these visits washing the dishes is
too much work - cloths are not
good enough because two of her
sisters have one silk dress -

I know Mary's Sunday School teacher
over thirty years an earnest Christian
and a very dignified woman -
Mary will tell me she has had
no Sunday lesson because her
teacher talks to men during all
the lesson time I simply say this
to illustrate how Mary tells
untruths about every one -
every day there is some complaint
about her day school teacher -

Miss Macgavan ² a former tenant
of mine was a pupil of
Miss Macgavan and she says
a kinder soul never lived
that Miss Macgavan did everything
to encourage all the good
there was in a child -
and every child ever under
her care loved her -
Mary is more afraid of you than
she is of any one else -

she is afraid you will take
her back to the home -
and when Miss Macgavan told her
you were a friend of hers she
for a while was afraid of her.
Minnie is coming to take Mary to
her home Saturday Morning for the day
Minnie was here last Monday also
this Monday -
Mary brought me the news I was
getting well paid for keeping her here
I mentioned it to Minnie - I knew

It was only a silly fib but I hear
many of them and I cannot bear
lies -

Minnie told me that her mother
left the children a mortgage
the interest of which is \$85. pr
year - I simply mention this to
you that you may be guided
in the future -

on account of Marys trying disposition
I did not ask to sign papers
although I provided the amount
mentioned in my will which is
at the home of Mrs A Johnson

96 Ridgewood Ave -
which you and Miss Berrie can see
any time -

I do not think Marys brain is
quite right at times yet she
can at all times plan for
mischiefs - for a month Marys has
been anxious to write you about Miss
Max Gowan - and she did to - day. I
sympathize with any and all teachers who
teach Mary. I sincerely hope you are

well - and I am sending
 this to say that Mary doesn't
 get half she deserves in
 the line of punishment -
 and that I personally know
 people who are friends and
 pupils of Miss Macgowan
 and all speak highly of her
 I regret to send you such
 news of Mary but her last
~~two visits to Pauline~~ I think
 turned Mary's head
 and I think our parting is near
 if Mary goes to her sisters or
 the Home. Could I have Annie
 & Elmer -? I tell Mary any complaint
 about me she can make to you
 or Miss Tierrie - rather than to her
 sisters - With much love
 Lydia R. Grimm.